

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

GRANT AGREEMENT FOR CRISIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Victim Assistance Office of the Police Department applied for a one-year grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of funding a Crisis Assistance Program to be administered through Victims Assistance. This grant will provide funding for professional counseling services to victims of violent crimes thereby enhancing the victim services already provided by the Killeen Police Department. These counseling services will be provided at the police department by licensed professional counselors contracted through the grant. Additional services made possible will include transportation for medical and shelter needs, direct referrals for local assistance resources, and advocacy for protective orders and housing issues. All services will be provided at no cost to the victims.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division requires a resolution be passed and in place before awarding of the grant. There is currently no mechanism in place in the City of Killeen that allows for the provision of all these services to crime victims in one location. It is logical and practical to have these services available through the Victim Assistance Office of the Police Department.

The Department's Victim's Assistance Coordinator originally requested a total one-year grant amount of \$19,175 for the Crisis Assistance Program. The Office of the Governor approved the requested plan, lengthened the term of the grant and offered \$39,947.29 due to increased available funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

The original application requested \$19,175 with the City of Killeen matching \$5520. Grant matching expenditures will be met by in-kind work and volunteer work as well as previously scheduled training through the Crime Victim Assistance Office.

The Office of the Governor accepted the plan; however, the offer was increased to \$39,947.92. Due to the increase in the grant offer, the matching was increased to \$10,713.23 and the length of the grant was increased to two years.

\$39,947.92	Federal
\$ 6,393.23	City cash match
<u>\$ 4,320.00</u>	City in-kind match
\$50,661.15	Total award

Reimbursement funding from the Office of the Governor in the amount of \$39,947.92 has been approved for this project. The reimbursement will be placed in revenue account 010-0000-382-10-11.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into the grant agreement with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of funding the Crisis Assistance Program, and that he is further authorized to accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on the city's behalf.